



Date: 25/10 /2024

Deputy Anne Rabbitte TD

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2

PQ41683/24

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of hiring 100 nurse specialists across neuro services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ41684/24

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the number of consultant neurologists by at least six; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

Nursing: The cost of neurology Nurse Specialists will be dependent on the grade (Clinical Nurse Specialist or Advanced Nurse Practitioner) and is generally the same cost in neurology as other specialities. According to the June 2024 NSP cost calculator (midpoint calculations based on March 2023 pay scales) the costs below would apply:

- 100 x Clinical Nurse Specialists has an estimated cost of €7,675,300
- 100 x Advanced Nurse Practitioners has an estimated cost of €9,053,200.



Consultants: According to the June 2024 NSP cost calculator (midpoint calculations based on March 2023 pay scales) the costs below would apply for Consultant Neurologists:

- 6 x Consultant Neurologists has an estimated cost of €1,767,239

All costs above are annual estimates and will depend on the point on the scale an individual nurse or consultant is actually appointed to, also will be subject to change as further pay awards are applied going into 2025.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emma Benton'.

Emma Benton

General Manager

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